

RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

OFFICIAL

**Practitioner's Docket No. 2104US**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/TRANSMISSION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.8(a))  
I hereby certify that this correspondence is, on the date shown below, being:

JUL 20 2004

**PATENT****MAILING**

☐ deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

**FACSIMILE**

☒ transmitted by facsimile to the Patent and Trademark Office at (703) 872-9306.

Name: Deborah H. Spencer

Signature: 

Date: July 20, 2004

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Ioana Popa-Burke et al.  
Application No.: 10/008,348  
Filed: 08 November 2001  
For: Sample Preparation System and  
Associated Apparatuses and Method

Group No.: 1743  
Examiner: Y. G. Gakh

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

July 20, 2004

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

This is a restriction election in response to the Office Action dated 21 June 2004 requiring restriction of the claims.

**I. Restriction Election**

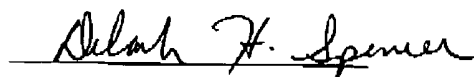
The Examiner has required restriction between Group I (Claims 1-15 and 42-54), Group II (Claims 16-24 and 55), and Group III (Claims 26-41).

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group III (Claims 26-41) drawn to a high throughput method for preparing a profiling sample. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications or take other appropriate measures deemed necessary to protect the inventions in the remaining claims without prejudice thereon.

Applicants submit that the case is in condition for prosecution and such action is

respectfully requested. However, if any issue remains unresolved, Applicants' agent welcomes the opportunity for a telephone interview to expedite allowance and issue.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah H. Spencer  
Registration No. 50,468  
(phone) 919-425-3035  
(fax) 919-485-0812  
Customer No. 022881

Paradigm Genetics, Inc.  
108 Alexander Drive  
RTP, NC 27709